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[1](#)1. (U) On February 4, Deputy Permanent Representative Alejandro Wolff spoke to U.N. Under Secretary General Patricia O'Brien in support of the candidacy of Justice Shireen Fisher for the judicial vacancy in the Appeals Chamber of the Special Court for Sierra Leone, drawing from the points in Ref A.

[1](#)2. (U) O'Brien stated that she and the other members of the UN's selection panel will consider Justice Fisher, one other woman, and one man, all of whom have strong credentials. O'Brien said that Justice Fisher's background was particularly impressive. The panel will interview the candidates on February 5 and will make a recommendation to the Secretary General.  
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